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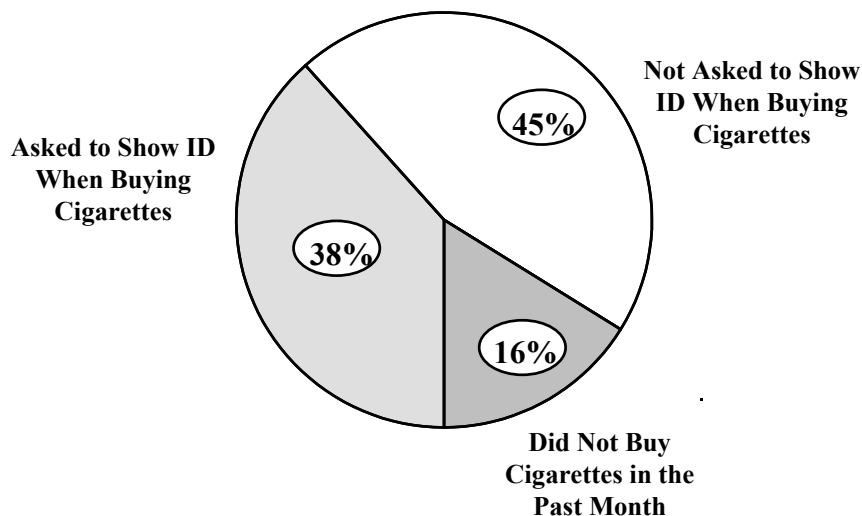
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### *Nearly Half of Maryland High School Seniors Who Smoke Report Buying Cigarettes Without Being Asked to Show Proof of Age*

Maryland, like all U.S. states, prohibits the sale of cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18. According to a recent survey of Maryland high school students, 32% of 12th graders reported smoking cigarettes within the past 30 days. Of this group, 45% reported they were not required to show proof of age when purchasing cigarettes (see figure below). In February 1997, federal legislation was enacted that, in addition to banning the sale of tobacco products to minors, requires age verification by photo ID for anyone under the age of 27 trying to buy tobacco products. Future adolescent surveys should continue to monitor the ability of minors to purchase cigarettes.

#### **“During the Past 30 Days, Were You Ever Asked to Show Proof of Age When You Tried to Buy Cigarettes?”**

(Maryland 12th Graders Who Reported Smoking Cigarettes Within the Past 30 Days)



NOTE: Percentages do not add to 100 because a few respondents provided more than one answer to the question and were not counted.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), 1996 Maryland Adolescent Survey, May 1997. For more information, contact Milt McKenna of the MSDE at 410-767-0303.

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